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RE: Chapter 650 Exemption for Water Main Extension
To Serve Oak Hill Park, Sabattus.
Docket No. 2001-339

Dear Mr. Stone:

On May 21, 2001, Sabattus Sanitary District (District)¹, filed its request for an exemption from sections 1(F), 4(B), 4(C), and 4(D) of Chapter 650 of the Commission's Rules. The exemption is requested to permit the District to extend a 12" water main to Oak Hill Park (Park), assume ownership of the Park water system, and render service to the approximately 150 units currently served by the Park water system.

The extension will be from the District's existing main in Route #126 (near the Marsh Road intersection) along Routes #126 and #197 to the existing pump station owned by and serving the Park. The full \$75,000 cost of the main extension will be borne by the District. The Park, in consideration, will deed its existing water system and any necessary easements to the District. The District will then individually meter and serve the units currently served by the Park water system.

The District, in its request for exemption, states that it is a low cost utility pursuant to Chapter 650 § 5(B). The estimated revenue (\$16,500) from this extension exceeds the expected costs (\$9,351) by \$7,149 per year. The current owner of the Park and his

¹ The Sabattus Sanitary District provides both water and sewer services.
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successors will be responsible for the repairs or costs of the repairs (up to \$7,500 per year), to the original Park water system, for a period of twenty (20) years.

New customers connecting to the main extension will not be required to make a customer contribution pursuant to Chapter 650 § 4(D). Refunds will, therefore, not be paid to any customer, the Park, or the District.

The Commission, by its Order in Docket No. 87-10 has delegated to the Director of the Technical Analysis Division the authority to approve exemptions to Chapter 650 of the Commission's Rules. The delegation order requires that the Director of Technical Analysis obtain unanimous consent of the Directors of the Finance, Legal, and Consumer Assistance Divisions prior to approving any exemptions.

I have consulted with the Division Directors and we are in agreement that the Sabattus Sanitary District is hereby granted an exemption from the requirements of Chapter 650 of the Commission's Rules for purposes of providing service to customers in Oak Hill Park as described in its request and attached documents.

Sincerely,

Faith Huntington
Acting Director
Technical Analysis Division

REH/jca

cc: Case File
Sabattus Sanitary District
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